

**MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

December 1, 2009

The Madison Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009 at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Bill Ward, RAB President.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by the board member Cliff Lanham and recorded as follows:

MBA President Mike Kridner	Present
Westco President Bobby Haygood	Present
Madison Dolphins President Matt Benzek	Absent
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Absent
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Sheffield	Present
MAA President Chris Lewis	Absent
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Present
Board Member Charles Duffy	Present
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board President Bill Ward	Present
Board Member Phillip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Absent

Also in attendance was Allison Callahan of AYSO.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November meeting minutes. The motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Ward, president, started meeting by reviewing the events of the November meeting and discussing the need for better field assignments, maintenance of the fields and the concerted effort to allow the fields though out the city to rest and recover after prolonged usage.

Judy Meires and Mike Cassell discussed the future of the Senior Center with the proposal of filling in the swimming pool. Adding more building space, define future use of the decking between the pool and Hughes.

AYSO continued their need for more land and more soccer fields to support the continuing growth of the soccer program. Looking to the future there is no reason (other than money) that Madison should not have a dedicated soccer complex somewhere on county line road area. AYSO concurs with the board and Cassell that the present fields are over used and not allowed to rest and be properly maintained. Lisa proposed that the recreation department look at the area where the trailer now sets at Palmer for possible clearing and used as little people soccer practice areas.

Mike Cassell, said that he has already redistributed some money to purchase an aerator and that the aerators should be for usage within a couple of months. This device would go a long way to maintaining the athletic fields through the city.

Mike stated he would continue to work closely with the public school system to use and even assist in maintaining fields on school grounds. In this regard he would coordinate with Bobby Jackson to see if the Bob Jones's Lacrosse team could use Discovery Middle School football field for more of the team's practices.

AYSO has maximum use needs from March to May of each year and then again from August through November. One of AYSO's big wish would be to have more lighted fields. Perhaps placing lights around the new fields at Dublin should be a top priority?

Presently AYSO is also using Horizon and Rainbow Elementary school fields for practice. Rainbow could use a lot of maintenance work on its field. Mike said he would coordinate with Bobby Jackson for ideas to help in maintaining these two school's fields.

Construction of the restroom at Dublin is progressing according to a message from John Allen just prior to the meeting. Each member of the board had received the message prior to the meeting. Copies of Mr. Allan's message are posted with these minutes. Mike Cassell stated he had also sent to the city planning board a request to delete the proposed Japanese Garden and is now looking at using this space for parking near the new soccer fields at Dublin. His submitted proposal also recommends walk ways. Lisa and her organization would also like a copy of this proposal for review.

Westco has a new organizational board that is forming its policies for 2010.

Greenway is continuing with its efforts as discussed in the November meeting.

Bill Ward thanked all the organizations that have submitted their wish list for 2010. Those organizations that have not submitted their wish list needs to do so with in the next 10 days so a plan of action can be formulated to brief the city council shortly. It would be a pity for those organization that have not submitted their wish to be omitted from addressing their needs and wish for the future.

Bill also recommended that if any of the board members were aware of smaller interest groups in Madison that have needs, please contact these groups for their needs input for 2010. For example, tennis needs, radio control cars, roller hockey as a few examples.

It was recommended that John Allen's e-mail to all be placed in the minutes as follows:

Researched drawings available at Dublin, none found that address utility service to the area of build.

Drawing found by Gary Chynoweth, City Engineer, which shows general locations of sewer service and water service in build area.

Met plumber on site, to review drawing and locate services. Sewer located, water not located as per plan/detail drawing. Still must be found. Will be calling in a utility locate for all services.

Met electrician on site. Planning on power from the substation located to the south of the build area. Electrician, met HSV Utilities rep on site to discuss options.

Power available as we assumed at the locked/barbed wire area for main field lighting.

Park supply has provided a plumbing material estimate.

Inline Electric has provided a electrical fixture estimate.

Wilson Lumber has delivered materials estimate, as well as truss design for the building.

Awaiting cost estimate from plumber and electrician.

Bottom line, we do not want to have to cut curbs, and asphalt to obtain services (costly) so we need to be as accurate as we can at locating utilities before we even begin, so there are no surprises. Once costs in from all parties in, then we can pull a final package together. Once all utilities marked, and we are confident where we are coming from for sewer (already pretty nailed down), water (not nailed down yet, not located in field as per drawing), and electrical (pretty well assumed how we are going to get power to facility), then we can present the final plan/costs/design.

No further business was brought forward. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 January 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.